IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 10185 OF 2004

Prashant Digambar Patil & Anr. ...Petitioners

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents.

Mr. G.S. Godbole for the Petitioners

Mr. V.P. Malvankar, Assistant Government Pleader,

for the Respondents.

CORAM: DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J., &
S. A. BOBDE, J.
DATED: JANUARY 31, 2005.

P.C.:

The reply has been filed by Manohar Shamrao Kulkarni, District Mining Officer, Collectorate, Solapur. In the reply, it is

clearly stated that the entire procedure has been properly followed. The Notification for auction of sand spots was published in the two leading newspapers, *viz.*, *Sakal* and *Lokmat,* on 25th September, 2004 and later on 12th October, 2004. Again, a third Notification was issued on 30th November, 2004 and published in *Sakal* and *Lokmat* on 30th November, 2004. Similarly, the Notification was displayed on notice-board of the Collector's Office, all S.D.Os., all Tahasil offices and all *chawadis* each time. Hence, wide publicity was given and adequate time was given to the public for information.

In view of the above affidavit, we find no merit in this petition. This petition, being devoid of any merits, is accordingly rejected.

CHIEF JUSTICE

S. A. BOBDE, J.